(b) what other alternate support mechanism the Centre has provided to the concerned States in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have agreed to provide financial assistance to Karnataka to meet extra expenditure involved in deployment of police personnel and connected logistic support?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRICHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) NSG is a specialized force trained and equipped for high risk counter hijacking and counter terrorist operations. The operations of NSG are preceded by combing, search and cordon by other forces. Its commandos are used only for final assault. In such operations, prolonged deployment of NSG is not desirable. Therefore, NSG was withdrawn from Karnataka with an understanding that the force would be provided as and when required.

(b) and (c) Assistance in the form of arms, ammunition and equipments with technical intelligence support have been provided to the State Governments. Further the services of a CRPF officer have been placed at the disposal of STF Karnataka to facilitate operations against Veerappan and his gang. However, no financial assistance is being provided to Govt, of Karnataka for the purpose.

National Level Disaster Response Team

2132. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Level Disaster Response Team of Experts to ensure accidents are probed quickly and impartially and victims are identified to avoid legal complications at the time of payment of compensation ;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, by when such a response team of experts is likely to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Home Affairs is responsible for coordinating/supplementing the rescue and relief efforts of the State Government by providing logistic support in the event of natural calamities

and manmade disasters of severe nature, if the States are not in a position to deal with it with the resources available with them. Identification of victims and probing tfie cause of accidents with a view to avoiding legal complications aj.tbetfme of payment of compensation is the responsibility of the concerned Ministries/organizations and State Government which is discharged by them in accordance with established procedures and relevant statutory provisions.

Request for PM's intervention for release of a former minister of Karnataka

2133. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the family members of former Karnataka Minister Shri H. Nagappa has sought Prime Minister's intervention to secure his release; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Smt. Parimala Nagappa, wife of Shri H. Nagappa, former Karnataka Minister who was kidnapped by Veerappan met the Prime Minister on 12th November, 2002 and handed over a memorandum requesting for the expenditious release of her husband.

Recruitment of constables in **Delhi Police**

†2134. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the applications for the posts of constables in Delhi Police were invited a few months back;

(b) whether complaints were received by the Commissioner of Police regarding some officials who took money for recruitment;

(c) if so, whether the matter has been investigated by the Vigilance Department of Police; and

(d) the details of the action taken in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.